

Second Grade Summer Reading Booklist

Required Readings: Choose at least one.

Some children may not be able to read these books independently. If this is the case we encourage you to read the books to or with your child.

Level 1:

Henry and Mudge: the First Book by Cynthia Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

Level 2:

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

This book contains five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends--Frog and Toad.

Level 3:

The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant

The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.

Student Choice: Choose at least two.

Fiction

Level 1:

Three by the Sea by Edward Marshall

Three friends relax after their picnic lunch by each telling his or her best story.

Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat

Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.

Level 2:

Arthur's Family Vacation by Marc Brown

Arthur is unhappy about going on vacation with his family, but he shows them how to make the best of a bad situation when they end up stuck in a motel because of rain.

One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor Pinczes

One hundred hungry ants head towards a picnic to get yummys for their tummies. They stop to change their line formation, showing different divisions of one hundred, causing them to lose both time and food in the end.

Patrick's Dinosaurs by Carol Carrick

When his older brother talks about dinosaurs during a visit to the zoo, Patrick is afraid, until he discovers they all died millions of years ago.

Level 3:

A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema

A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain.

Cam Jansen: the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball by David Adler

Cam uses her photographic memory to identify the person who stole a valuable autographed baseball.

Dear Annie by Judith Caseley

Presents a series of postcards and letters Annie sends to or receives from her loving grandfather from the time she is born.

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

Farewell to Shady Glade by Bill Peet

When building machinery moves into their woodland home, the animal inhabitants of Shady Glade must search for a new place to live.

Nonfiction

Level 1:

Level 2:

Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll by Franklyn Branley

Explains how and why a thunderstorm occurs and gives safety steps to follow when lightning is flashing.

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Peter Roop

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter Abbie must keep the lights burning by herself.

Level 3:

Borreguita and the Coyote by Verna Aardema

A little lamb uses her clever wiles to keep a coyote from eating her up.

Good Books, Good Times! by Lee Bennet Hopkins

An anthology of poems about the joys of books and reading. Includes selections by David McCord, Karla Kuskin, Myra Cohn Livingston, and Jack Prelutsky.

Math-terpieces: the Art of Problem Solving by Greg Tang

A series of rhymes about artists and their works introduces counting and grouping numbers, as well as such artistic styles as cubism, pointillism, and surrealism.

My Visit to the Dinosaurs by Alike

A visit to a museum of natural history provides a little boy with an introduction to the habits, characteristics, and habitats of fourteen kinds of dinosaurs.

Recommended Authors:

Eric Carle, Leo Lionni, Virginia Lee Burton, Mother Goose, Margaret Wise Brown, Dr. Seuss, Robert McCloskey, Beatrix Potter, H.A. Rey, Vera Williams, Mem Fox, Alike, Jack Prelutsky, David McPhail, Charlotte Zolotow, Grace Lin, Tomie DePaola, Rosemary Wells, Jan Brett